

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for forming unit loads, comprising:

a fixture having an approximate rectangular frame, formed of at least two parallel long struts and at least two parallel short struts at the ends of the long struts, wherein transversal bars are arranged moveable on the long struts, with the ends of each bar on each long strut;

a plurality of cups attached to each transversal bar, wherein at least some of the cups are arranged moveable and lockable on the transversal bars; the at least some cups are moveable along a length of the respective transversal bar upon which each moveable cup is mounted; and

a plurality of loading ledges, each ledge having at least two feet, wherein each foot of the at least two feet of each the loading ledge is ~~are~~ received in a different one of the cups,

wherein one or more packages is received on the loading ledges to form the unit load; and the unit load, after forming, is ~~lifted~~ liftable from the fixture together with the loading ledges.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein a further number of intermediate, short struts are arranged between the long struts.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein two cups are arranged on each transversal bar.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein four transversal bars are received on the frame.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein each movable cup has a support, having legs straddling a transversal bar and a locking screw received in an opening of one of the legs of the support.